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HONGKONG, September 20th, 1900

SHANGHAI papers supplement to a small extent our very scanty information of what is now going on in Peking. What news they bring, however, is by no means of a welcome nature. The *New China Daily News*, for instance, learns that the Russians have forcibly ejected Dr. Morrison from the house in Peking which he had occupied since the relief when he had no house of his own to go to. Dr. Morrison's new house, it appears, our contemporary says, is in the part of Peking over which Russia has been given administrative control, but this, of course, does not give Russia any territorial rights, and her action is indefensible, as no doubt the *Times* correspondent will explain to that journal's readers. Again, without a shadow of right, Russia has taken exclusive possession of the Imperial Palace at Peking, and only allows subjects of other nations to visit it as a favour, personally conducted by Russian officers. Of the fact that the railway line has fallen completely into Russian hands we have already heard, but if the story is true that the Peking end of the line was in British hands and was voluntarily given up, it is obvious that the blame is entirely ours. In Tientsin again, the *N.C. Daily News* relates, Russia is acting as if it were conquered territory, granting leases of Chinese-owned houses to foreigners at exorbitant rents in the name of the Tsar. Such facts as these certainly justify the words of Dr. Morrison's despatch of the 31st ult. with regard to Russia's assumption of an overwhelming position. Now such a situation can only have been gained by consent or the weakness of the other contingents' commanders, and we may take it that in the case of the majority of the Powers represented that it was weakness, induced by lack of cohesion and diversity of ideas, which led to their accepting the undignified position which they occupy. Russia had at her command a large force and she had a definite plan, which she has carried out regardless of the feeble protests

of any of the other nations. This state of affairs can only be altered by the change of the balance of numbers between Russia and the Powers whose interests are not the same as Russia's, and by the arrival on the scene of Count von Waldersee. How soon the German commander-in-chief is due to arrive at his destination we are not in a position to say; nor yet is it known of what nature is the German Emperor's plan which he carries in his pocket. To quote our northern contemporary once more: "We shall all have to wait for that to be unfolded; and the interval will be used by Russia to consolidate her hold on the north of China, while the rescued Ministers at Peking of the other Powers look at each other across the Spanish Minister's table and wonder what they can do to get orbits of their own again."

THE CIRCUMLOCUTION OFFICE  
ON INLAND NAVIGATION.

"It being one of the principles of the Circumlocution Office never on any account whatever to give a straightforward answer." — Charles Dickens.]

In view of any possible inclination on the part of our Government once more to accept and rely on Chinese promises, it is well that the public should know the manner in which they have been "juggled" out of their rights with past concessions. We publish below some Extracts from the Blue Books and other sources, showing the contradictory statements made from time to time by the Government on the opening of Inland Waters—an opening which our local Chamber of Commerce justly characterised as a hopeless sham.

*Sir Claude Macdonald to Lord Salisbury, 11th June, 1858. Blue Book No. 1, 1890, p. 174.*

"I recall the history of the Concession. Although it was ostensibly a promise freely given by China, it was, as their Excellencies knew, made at the request of Her Majesty's Government at a time when Great Britain had strong reasons for feeling that on account of our vastly preponderating shipping and trade interests Great Britain was the country most concerned in the new departure."

"To give an instance of the species of objection I was bound to make, I told the Ministers that I had heard from outside sources that the new Regulations restricted the concession to Treaty port provinces. Now, the original announcement made to me contained no such restriction. It said that wherever the use of native boats is now by Treaty permitted to foreigners, they shall equally be permitted to employ steamers or steam launches," (Sir Claude Macdonald to Lord Salisbury.)

"British ships shall carry British goods to every riverside town in China." (Hon. G. N. Carson in House of Commons.)

"The aim of the original Concession, which was to allow foreign merchants to use steam vessels for conveyance of goods in the interior, in places where they have hitherto been allowed to use native boats." (Mr. Bax Ironside to Hongkong Shipping Companies, 24th August, 1858. Blue Book 1890, p. 338.)

"Foreigners have the right to take goods into China either by paying taxation on route or commuting it for a lump sum." We presume Mr. Bax Ironside will concede that in doing so he has the right to employ native boats to or coming from inland waters."

"The officer appointed will have an office in the vicinity of the Customs House." (Supplementary Rules, Inland Navigation.)

"The publication of the Lekin Tariff Regulations, asked for in the Shipping Companies' letter of the 28th March last, should of course be initiated on or without delay; but it would appear from Mr. Mansfield's comments that it is actually under way." (Observations by Mr. G. Jamieson at Lord Salisbury's request, 6th August, 1858.)

"Foreigners have the right by Treaty to send native boats from Canton up the West River to Yunnan or from Shanghai up the Yangtze into the Poyang or Tungting Lakes, taking goods for any and all places en route."

The Customs refuse to allow steamers to do this. "The Concession is reduced to this. A tradesman in an English town may supply Nos. 1 and 20 situated at the respective ends of a street by a van driven through that street. If, however, he has customers in the intervening houses he must transfer his goods to another van at whichever end of the street he pleases (he has that option) and after paying Nos. 2 to 19 from that end and then van only he must return the way he entered, and on no account must he visit or pass the last house at the other end with his second van." (Consul Hosie, Wu-chow trade report, May, 1859.)

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Compare these Statements of June 3rd, 1890, with these, made subsequently:

"There is no necessity for the insertion of the word 'small.' The size of the steamers or sea-going type are added in reference to steamers." (Mr. Bax Ironside to Lord Salisbury, July 6th, 1890.)

"I am instructing Her Majesty's Consul on the West River to watch the matter and to protest against any differential treatment." (Mr. Bax Ironside to Lord Salisbury, to Mr. Bax Ironside, 1890, p. 174.)

The final instructions given successively to every British Minister might be summed up in half a dozen words: "When in doubt consult Sir Robert Hart" (Extract from The Times, 177).

The London Office of the Hongkong Daily Press, the Hongkong Weekly Press, the Chang Ngu San Po, and the Chronicle and Directory for China, Japan, Straits Settlements, etc., has been opened at No. 131, Fleet Street, E.C.

Mr. H. Humphreys' house, "Derrington," was sold yesterday to a Chinaman for £65,000.

During the 24 hours preceding noon yesterday there were reported one fresh case of plague and one death from the disease.

On Tuesday afternoon Lau Kit, servant boy to Mr. J. Alake, of No. 1, Richmond Road, saw a ladder go into the verandah and come out again with a chair. The boy arrested him, and yesterday Mr. Hazelton sentenced him to a month.

Early yesterday morning a fire broke out at 178, Third Street, which is a joss-stick shop. The Fire Brigade appeared, and succeeded in extinguishing the flames. Only about \$30 damage was done. The cause of the fire is unknown.

The body of a coolie named Lam Ip, aged 60 years, has been sent to the mortuary. He fell from a scaffold on a new building in Des Voeux Road West, while assisting three others to carry a piece of iron. He fell about 40 feet on to some timber.

Lance-Corporal Heitell was near the Central Hotel on Tuesday night when he hailed a rickshaw. The coolie, Wong Tak, however, refused to take him and tried to get away. He was caught and given into custody. Yesterday he was fined \$3 or 14 days.

Paul Ruggenberg, tidewater, Western Hotel, charged with having in his possession a revolver and ammunition without a permit, appeared before Mr. Hazelton yesterday, but was discharged with a caution. The revolver and ammunition were ordered to be forfeited to the Crown.

The prosecution instituted by the Sanitary Board are adding considerably to the colony's exchequer. Yesterday Inspector L. C. Brett got 20 persons fined \$2 each for illegal cubicles, seven persons \$10 each for neglecting to lime-wash, and two others \$10 each for other offences against the Sanitary Bye-laws.

Inspector Ford and a party of police visited a fan-tau school at No. 1, Wing Fung Street, the other night, and succeeded in capturing 13 of the gang. One of them was an old hand at the game, being fined \$50 last March for a similar offence. He was now fined \$75, or two months. Another was fined \$25, or two months, and the rest \$3, or 14 days.

The annual aquatic sports in connection with the Victoria Recreation Ground, which has earned an enviable reputation as the resort of gamblers. The police are continually making raids, and during one of these raids on 24, Hollywood Road, in January last, one of the gamblers lost his life while attempting to escape. On Tuesday evening Chief Detective Inspector Hanson and a party of police visited 26, Hollywood Road, the third floor. They found a crowd of people including some women, gambling round a table. Twenty arrests were made. Three men attempted to escape into the next house by way of the verandah. They were naturally in a hurry, and one of them missed his footing and fell into the street. He alighted on his head, which was smashed in, and died on the spot. The keepers of the house were fined \$25 each, or two months, and the rest \$3, or 14 days.

Three Shawkiwan barbers appeared at the Magistracy yesterday charged with assaulting Bhuda Khan, a gunner in the Asiatic Artillery. Asked for a few particulars of the case, Inspector Robertson said that the other afternoon the complainant was in plain clothes near the market at Shawkiwan. There being nothing much doing at the time some of the market employees were having a game at cards. The complainant went up to one group and asked for cumshaw. He was told to go away, but refused to do so. He still refused when offered cents, and one of the men pushed him, whereupon the complainant took him by the queue to drag him to the Police Station. A crowd of 40 or 50 people followed and called out "Ta." The Inspector added that the complainant persisted in saying that the defendants were the men who assaulted him, but believed that he was mistaken, as from enquiries he had found out that they were in their shops at the time. His Worship said that if there had been an assault it was all the complainant's own doing. He should not have had anything to do with the Chinese. They did not want him. He should mind his own business. The defendants would be discharged.

At the Magistracy yesterday Jose Maria Sequira of 34, Elgin Street, was summoned by Chung Kan and Ng Lan, private chiroptiles, for assault. Mr. Cooker appeared for the defendant, who had taken out a cross summons for inciting to a breach of the peace. Chung Kan said he was chair-coolie to the Portuguese Consul. At 1 p.m. on Sunday he was outside the Portuguese Club. The defendant was playing top with several other boys. His top knocked up against his foot. The defendant told him to hand him the top, which he did. The defendant accused him of kicking the top and kicked him on the left side. In reply to Mr. Cooker, the witness said he kicked the top about two yards. The defendant gave him a slap on the face as he was picking up the top. The other chair-coolie corroborated, adding that when he told the defendant not to kick the other man he kicked him as well. The defendant's story was that he and his brother were playing at top, and one of the coolies gave the top a kick. He asked him to pick the top up, but he refused to do so. Then a crowd came round and there were shouts of "Ta." The complainants rolled up their sleeves and assumed a fighting attitude, upon which the defendant struck them in the chest, but did not kick them. His Worship considered the coolies lied when they read the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution of the United States, and the command "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel" has no Gatling gun attachment.

Mr. Bryan gave a curious reason for reading his speech at the opening of the Democratic campaign at Indianapolis. He said it would be much more pleasant to him and agreeable to his audience to read without notes, but he wanted to address that larger constituency which is reached through the newspaper. He seemed to have forgotten that a verbatim report of an extempore speech is not beyond the powers of the representatives of the Press. Nevertheless his written speech was a success. His voice being never more completely at his command. He held the attention of people even on the outskirts of the crowd, although every word was read except the pronunciation, which had been learned by heart. The speech, which was delivered entirely to an attack upon Republican policy in the Philippines, contained some striking phrases, such as "We dare not educate the Filipinos lest they read the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution of the United States," and the command "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel" has no Gatling gun attachment.

An Admiralty Committee is enquiring into the subject of naval rations and meal hours.

When the last mail left London the Manao House War Fund only wanted £185 to complete a total of a million sterling.

The negotiations for the prohibition of the export of cattle from Shanghai after the 15th inst. have failed.

The Austrian Parliament has been dissolved by Imperial decree; the new election will take place on December 4th.

Mr. Sellner, the manager of the Manila Times, has been on a visit to Hongkong, and is leaving London for Canada and beyond will be sent to Queenstown instead of via Mowbray.

An important change in the Canadian mail route has been decided on by the St. Martin's le Grand authorities. In future the mails leaving London for Canada and beyond will be sent to Queenstown instead of via Mowbray.

The ladies of Platermarienburg have decided to place a stained-glass window with a brass tablet beneath it in the Garrison Church there to the memory of Lieutenant Roberts, son of Lord Roberts, who was killed at Colenso.

The Österreichische Lloyd on the 12th inst. reported that Baroness von Ketteler and the detachment of German sailors under the command of Captain Pohl have arrived in Tientsin from Peking.

At the festivities to be held at Yildiz Kiosko this week in connection with the Sultan of Turkey's Jubilee, the German Emperor will be represented by a special mission sent by His Imperial Majesty for the occasion.

The steamers *Irenian* and *Rathmoor* have been chartered to carry coal from Philadelphia to France, and it is stated that five more will be chartered for the same purpose. The Pennsylvania coal is to be used to fill up the stores in the Naval Yard at Tonkin.

When the last mail left England there was such a scarcity of coal at Cardiff that many steamers were awaiting cargoes, and the demurrage paid were the highest on record. The scarcity is wholly due to the small output.

A correspondent at Tientsin writes to the N.C. Daily News that "Lieut. J. R. Geissler, of the Bengal Cavalry, has been presented with a Maxim gun and horse attachment by Admiral Alcock, commanding the British forces at Tientsin; a most courteous present and a very useful one for a cavalry officer."

It is understood, says the Kobe Chronicle, that a portion of the Japanese troops, including the artillery, will be withdrawn to Tientsin for the convenience of the Japanese Government. The withdrawal, however, is said to have no connection whatever with the Russian proposal. The artillery, which has already retired to Tientsin, will return to Japan.

The Manila *El Comercio* discourses a telegram which reports the vigorous opposition of the Nicaraguans to the United States canal scheme and the condemnation to Government by Nicaragua of all the territory through which the canal must be cut. The United States continues the telegram, will consider this condemnation as a *casus belli* and will send warships and troops to Nicaragua. In this event South American complications are anticipated.

The London Chamber of Commerce Building Company Limited, has been registered, with a nominal capital of £20,000. It is proposed, says the London City Press, to erect a commodious building and to provide as its chief feature a large hall for the accommodation of the members of the Metropolitan Chamber at their periodical assemblies. It is further proposed to build rooms available for committee and meetings somewhat after the style of the Cannon Street Hotel assemblies.

The committee recently appointed in the Japanese Educational Department to make investigations as to the best method of improving Japanese writing has been considering the question of adopting kana or Roman letters. The committee, however, being unable to come to any definite conclusion, has addressed a memorial to the Government, recommending that the committee should be placed under the jurisdiction of the Cabinet, in the same way as the Code Investigation Committee, and its authority extended. Should the Government accept the memorial, says a contemporary, it will be a long time before the result of the work of the committee is seen. At present the work of the committee is said to be in abeyance.

The Wiener Tagblatt records that China has borrowed from Europe since 1894 on eight occasions not less than sixty million pounds sterling. Its yearly obligations therefrom amount to about three and a half million pounds, which are not covered by the income of the Customs department. The combined European Powers are certain to demand strong financial compensation for all the troubles they have had with the Chinese. But should the European Powers be unable to find any body who can vouch for, and only ask twenty millions, then the foreign debts of China will reach eighty million pounds, involving yearly obligations of over four million pounds. The Customs, which now amount to 5 per cent., will probably not be permitted to be raised by the Powers, as they did not permit Turkey to raise the duties from 8 to 12 per cent. There is a nice task in store, then, for the financiers, says the Tagblatt. Let us hope that they will be luckier than the diplomats and quicker than the strategists.

The *Republique* gives a formal denial to the report which had gained currency on the continent that the Tsar would visit Pekin next month, or at any other period of this year.

Four new 18 feet Whi shall boats built at Hongkong for the American Government were taken over to Manila last week on the *s.s. Sung-kien*. They are destined to be used as boarding-boats in some of the local ports.

A decree of the congregation of the Roman Inquisition has been issued forbidding the reading in church of the prayer composed by the widowed Queen Margherita of Italy, in memory of her husband King Humbert, on the ground that it contains two heretical phrases.

Baroness Nishi, from Peking, wife of the Japanese Minister, Mrs. Narahara, and others from the Chinese capital, arrived at Kobe by steamer *Mare* on the 10th inst. and were met by the Mayor, Chief Inspector of Police, and several high chief officials. They left for Tokyo by train on the 11th.

An English company with a capital of \$22,000,000, declares the *Chili Tacea*, has acquired the title to all the principal waterfalls in Mexico, with the object of establishing and developing various factories in the Mexican cotton-fields.

Chinshui official telegraph, says the *N.C. Daily News*, states that General Sung Ching's Corps is still at Faoing, and that he has since been joined by five or six thousand troops—all that remain of the late General Nieh's Corps, which began their campaign last June quite 25,000 strong.

All incoming vessels which have arrived the past two days to the *Manila Times* of Saturday last report rough weather and unusually stormy passage. The *s.s. Golpara* from Singapore had a very bad passage, and several head of cattle were killed. The *Monmouth* experienced the worst voyage for the year. Shortly after leaving Hongkong the ship was held up for three hours or more waiting for typhoon weather.

A disastrous mill fire broke out in Bangkok on the morning of the 7th instant resulting in the destruction of property valued at between \$300,000 and \$400,000. In all, three mills were destroyed, one belonging to Hsi Hua, and the other two were owned by the Arracan Company. The origin of the outbreak was unknown. When the last mail left, only the Arracan Company's mills were covered by insurance.

The treasuries up North appear to have made very little difference in the shipments of Ceylon tea to China for the purpose of being made into brick-tea. In referring to these shipments, the Consular report on the trade of Kintung for 1899 states that the export of brick-tea rose to 43,852 piculs, as against 33,811 piculs in 1898, and this might be considerably augmented if tea-dust were procurable in large quantities. It is curious to notice Ceylon tea dust, forming amongst the imports, this occurs for the first time this year, a small constituent having been brought in by the *Brasilia* from Kintung, by way of experiment. It is stronger and more highly flavored than the China dust, and is to be used in the manufacture of brick-tea.

The corn harvest in the land of the present year has differed very materially from those of the two big harvests of 1888 and 1890. In those two years the sowing, harvesting, and maturation of the crops were all carried on with unbroken fine weather, whereas the severe spell of sunless, wet and cold season last month has undoubtedly checked those functions this year. The reports from the various counties, which have reached us by this mail, show that notwithstanding the rain, little damage has been done to the crops, and the probable yield of barley per acre will be 31 bushels as against 34.64 bushels and 33.88 as the average of the past ten years. Oats are likely to prove the worst of the corn crops and the yield, bids fair to be one of 37 bushels to the acre, as against 40.57 bushels last year, and 40.06 bushels as the ten years' average. On the whole the harvest yield of barley throughout the country has been estimated at 71,000,000 bushels or 3,500,000 less than last year, and that of oats a total crop of 1,512 million bushels against 1,66 million bushels last year.

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The *Times* comments as follows on the news of the relief of Pekin.—No prolongation of the struggle can be of much importance now. The allies are masters of Pekin, and they may honestly and truthfully congratulate each other upon the great and rapid success achieved by their unanimous action. All have deserved well of the civilization which is their common bond, but in justice a special need of credit must be awarded to the Asiatic people without whose aid the efforts of united Europe must have been futile to effect the work of rescue in time. It is first and above all to Japan that the world owes the relief of the Legations. It is she who, by the promptitude and the efficacy of the aid she has given to her geographical position to afford, has saved the other Powers from the humiliation and the anguish of having to await the masses of their representatives, while unable themselves to strike a blow for the lives of their countrymen and the honour of their flag. Japan has deserved well of the commonwealth of Europe, and England may fairly claim the honour of having been the first amongst the nations to recognize her ability and her readiness to do this essential service to mankind, and of having steadily urged upon the rest the imperative need of accepting the invaluable assistance she was generously willing to lend the common cause.

## TELEGRAMS.

DAILY PRESS SERVICE.  
FROM OUR CORRESPONDENTS.

## THE CRISIS IN CHINA.

SHANGHAI; 18th September, 9.15 p.m.

## ADMIRAL SEYMOUR GOES TO TAKU.

H. M. S. *Alacrity*, with Admiral Seymour on board, leaves on Wednesday morning for Taku.

## SMALL EXPEDITIONS TO THE SOUTH-WEST.

Small but successful expeditions have been sent out in a south-westerly direction from Peking and Tientsin. A few Boxers have been found.

## THE TROOPS AT PEKING.

The total allied force at Peking on the 10th inst. amounted to twenty-two thousand.

## THE SAFETY OF THREE KWEICHOW MISSIONARIES.

Mr. B. C. G. Scott, writing from H. B. M. Consulate, Canton, on the 18th inst., sends us the following translation of a telegram received from Kweiyang, the capital of Kweichow. The English names of the persons referred to, Mr. Scott says, are quite unknown to him.

## A SPECIAL TELEGRAM FROM THE PRINCIPAL BUREAU OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, KWEIYANG, TO THE BRITISH CONSUL-GENERAL, CANTON.

KWEIYANG, 14th September.

The American and English missionaries of Hsing-yi, Liu Feng-chun, and others, in all two men and one woman, are returning to their native countries by way of Szechuan.

They have now arrived at the capital of Kweichow. On the 16th September they will leave for Chungking. In addition to

telegraphing to the Tao-tai of Tung-kuan in

Szechuan to assist and protect them, they

will, in accordance with the regulations, be safely escorted beyond the frontiers of this Province.

## THE WAR IN SOUTH AFRICA.

LONDON, 18th September, 8.15 p.m.

## IMPORTANT CAPTURES OF MATERIAL.

General French has captured fifty more locomotives, and General Butler has seized an immense quantity of stores.

## GENERAL NEWS.

## THE DISSOLUTION.

Parliament will dissolve on the 25th inst.

and will assemble again on the 1st November.

## DUKE OF YORK TO OPEN AUSTRALIA'S FIRST PARLIAMENT.

Her Majesty the Queen has commissioned the Duke of York to open the first Australian Federal Parliament.

## REUTER'S SERVICE.

LONDON, 17th September.

## THE WAR IN SOUTH AFRICA—HOLLAND AND EX-PRESIDENT KEUGER.

Information has been received by telegraph of a Dutch movement offering Mr. Kruger a passage to Holland by war-ship.

## LORD ROBERTS' PROCLAMATION.

Mr. Kruger proclaims Lord Roberts' proclamation null, and says that the Republics being unconquered refuse to submit to British authority.

## RUMOURED DEATH OF COMMANDANT DE WET.

It is rumoured that Commandant De Wet is killed.

LONDON, 17th September.

## DISSOLUTION OF PARLIAMENT.

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## THE DUKE OF YORK TO VISIT AUSTRALIA.

On the Queen's recommendation Lord Salisbury has assented to the Duke of York visiting Australia in the spring to open the Federal Parliament.

## LATEST STEAMER MOVEMENT.

The C. P. R. steamer *Empress of India* arrived at V. 5 p.m. on Tuesday, the 18th inst.

## THE CRISIS IN CHINA.

## LOCAL MOVEMENTS.

The Italian transport *San Gottardo* left on Tuesday night for Taku.The British gunboat *Protector* left yesterday for Shanghai.

## RUSSIANS IN CHINESE TURKESTAN.

The following telegram from Urumtzi, the provincial capital of Chinese Turkestan (Kashgaris and Ili) has been published:—Owing to news of troubles with Foreign Powers at Peking having become known here and to the fact that the Tarantchis (Kashgar Mahomedans settled in Ili) were beginning to become restless, Jiao, Governor of the province, sent a large force of cavalry from Urumtzi to Kuldja to overawe the malcontents. On arriving at the Pass dividing Urumtzi from Ili, however, the force was stopped by officers sent by the Tartar General Chang Keng, commanding at Kuldja, stating that he had received a despatch from the Russian General commanding on the Russo-Ili frontier that "any reinforcements sent into Ili would be taken as an act of war, and that the Russians would invade Ili if the arriving Chinese force did not return to Urumtzi." The Chinese troops have therefore temporarily retired to the Urumtzi or Eastern side of the Pass, and will await further orders from the Viceroy at Lanchow.

## THE DEFENCE OF DOVER.

An important scheme for the coast defence of Dover and the English Channel was put into operation on the 19th inst. in the presence of Sir Evelyn Wood, as representative of the Commander-in-Chief, who was prevented from attending by other engagements. The general idea was to tenth the forts, and occupy every coign of vantage so as to prevent the enemy from effecting a landing. The forces engaged comprised about a thousand Royal Artillery, including the Royal Engineers stationed at the castle and forts, two strong batteries of militia artillery (the Kent, the Fort Burgrave), and the Clare (under canvas at the Taplow Walk, Merton) and two infantry battalions (the recently raised 4th Battalion Royal Fusiliers, now over 900 strong), and the 3rd Middlesex, quartered at the western heights, with detachments of Army Corps. The artillery were marched to their positions at the batteries and forts, and quickly set to work to make everything ready, though in expectation of actual invasion. The casemates at the outworks were opened and filled with the complement of men. The breeches of the heavy guns were opened to take up their positions.

In the meantime strong pickets of the infantry and artillery militia, who wore their bandoliers over their shirts, were patrolling the coast-line between Dover, Folkestone, and Deal, and the war-signals station also manned. The troops were on the qui-vive for landing, and during the day an inspection was made of the batteries and forts. Colonel Lake reported favourably on the patrolling operations, which he said, appeared to be well carried out. Apropos of the scheme a London paper states that at vital points, such as Archcliffe and Castle and Castle Batteries there are the old forts and Castle Batteries which, in the event of an invasion, would be hopelessly out-classed by a modern cruiser. The new artillery recently mounted at the three new forts has been painted khaki colour, and, according to Colonel Lake's report, while the garrison generally is in a much improved condition, for certain important strategic positions the proportion of modern breech-loading artillery to the old muzzle-loaders is not as all satisfactory.

The other field day at the forts, at which the Commander-in-chief will be present, is to be held during the latter end of this month.

## FAST TRAINS.

In a statistical article published in the *Times* some interesting figures are given as to the speeds obtained by the fastest trains in the world. Some sixty journeys are selected in which trains reach a speed for their runs of which only five are English and three French. The rest are divided between the United States and France.

The fastest run in the world is that made on the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad between Camden and Atlantic City, a distance of fifty-five and a half miles. This distance is covered at a rate of 66.6 miles an hour.

The Pennsylvania Railroad reaches 64.3 miles and the Midland France 61.3.

Only one English train averages sixty miles, and that is on the South-Western run between Dorchester and Fareham. The ground is covered at a rate of 60.1 miles an hour, but the distance is only fifteen miles.

In long-distance runs English railways make a better show. The East Coast expresses to Edinburgh from London, a distance of 393 miles, and the West Coast to Glasgow—404 miles—average a fraction over fifty miles. But even these speeds compare unfavourably with those of foreign rivals.

The Sud express between Paris and Bayonne—486 miles—averages 54.13 miles an hour,

and the Empire State Express between New York and Buffalo—410 miles—averages, notwithstanding many delays, 53.33 miles.

The notoriously wholesale nature of the recent illicit importation of Chinese opium from ports in China, via the Straits, will make a brief résumé of interesting reading, say the *Bangkok Times*. On a steamer's last trip from the Straits to Bangkok it will be remembered that 120 cases of salmon arrived there consigned to a local trader who refused to take delivery of one case because the goods were damaged. On examination the leaking case was found in the godown and the tins hoisted with a brownish liquid, which on being submitted to a test was declared to be opium. The suspicious aroused by this led to a discovery of about 10,000 tons of opium. In the other instance about another 21,000 tons were detected under the false description of "lychees," and the latest seizure of 42,000 tons, the largest on record, show that the stringent excepting rules have no restraining effect upon illicit traders in the drug. These three shipments aggregate 82,000 tons, representing an approximate market value there of Rs. 164,000. Other heavy seizures have been made, and the *Times* wonders if there is any more "opium" consigned to the same firms on the sea between Bangkok and Singapore; if so, the members of the syndicate, it says, will find it difficult, during the next few days, to preserve a smile "both alike and bland."

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## NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

A BAULIE of TIMBER about one foot square and 45 feet long is MISSING from the NAVAL DEPOT at Kowloon. Who ever shall deliver the same to the NAVAL STORE OFFICER, Naval Yard, or give evidence as to its whereabouts, will be rewarded.

Hongkong, 26th September, 1900. [2462]

### TO BE LET.

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Apply to:

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Hongkong, 26th September, 1900. [2458]

### DILIGENTIA LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.

A REGULAR MEETING of the above LODGE will be held at the FREE-MASONS' HALL, Zetland Street, TO-DAY (THURSDAY), the 26th instant, at 5 for 5.30 P.M. precisely. Visiting Brethren are cordially invited.

Hongkong, 26th September, 1900. [2459]

### THE CHINA ASSOCIATION. HONGKONG BRANCH.

#### NOTICE.

A MEETING of MEMBERS will be held at the Rooms of the Hongkong Chamber of Commerce on MONDAY, the 24th instant, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report and Statement of Accounts, and electing a Committee.

F. HENDERSON,  
Hon Secretary.

Hongkong, 26th September, 1900. [2460]

### PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions from M. E. ATTACK, Furniture Dealer (owing to his removal to new premises), to sell by Public Auction:

#### SATURDAY,

the 22nd September, at 2 P.M., at his Store, 39 Queen's Road Central, the portion of his STOCK-IN-TRADE, FURNITURE,

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#### ALSO:

AN ASSORTMENT of MARBLE SLABS.

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TERMS OF SALE:—A Customary.

V. I. REMEDIOS,

Auctioneer.

Hongkong, 26th September, 1900. [2461]

### IMPERIAL BANK OF CHINA.

#### NOTICE.

WHEREAS the IMPERIAL BANK OF CHINA'S Premises in Peking have been destroyed by the Rebels and the following UNISSUED NOTES expressed on the face thereof to be payable at its Office in Peking in CHING-PING TSU-YIN currency, have been STOLEN therefrom:—

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By Order of the Board of Directors.

For the IMPERIAL BANK OF CHINA.

(Sgd.) A. W. MATTLAND,

Acting Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 26th September, 1900. [2462]

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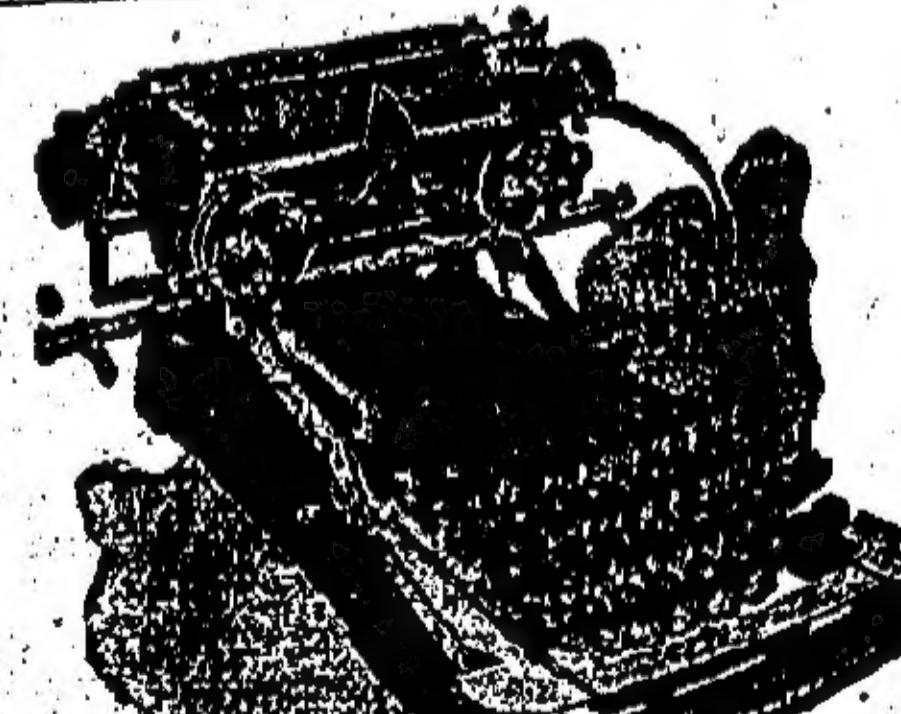
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Hongkong, 14th September, 1900. [2453]



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Hongkong, 25th July, 1900. [2074]

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Hongkong, 14th August, 1900. [2411]

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### AUCTIONS

#### PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to Sell by Public Auction:

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Hongkong, 14th September, 1900. [2414]

### GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

No. 458.

THE following Particulars and Conditions of Sale of CROWN LAND by PUBLIC AUCTION, to be held at the Offices of the Public Works Department, on MONDAY, the 24th day of SEPTEMBER, 1900, at 3 P.M., are published for general information.

By Command.

F. H. MAY.

Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office.

Hongkong, 8th September, 1900. [2444]

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Hongkong, 8th September, 1900. [2445]

### PARTICULARS OF THE LOTS.

Particulars and Conditions of the Letting by Public Auction Sale, to be held on MONDAY, the 24th day of SEPTEMBER, 1900, at 3.15 P.M., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of Two Lots of Crown Land at Hok-Uu, Kowloon, in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 Years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of Her Majesty the QUEEN, for one further term of 75 years.

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Hongkong, 8th September, 1900. [2445]

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No. 473.

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By Command.

F. H. MAY.

Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office.

Hongkong, 15th September, 1900. [2446]

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### SPORT AND ANECDOTE.

BY AN OLD FOYER.

### THE TOUR OF THE WEST INDIAN CRICKETERS.

In commenting upon the earlier doings of the West Indian cricket team in England, one was bound to write with certain amount of restraint, for it was mainly owing to the enthusiastic reports of their prowess by one or two gentlemen thoroughly conversant with the game in these beautiful islands of ours, that a visit to these shores was brought within the range of possibility. Without going further, let it be at once conceded that "Plum" Warner, as his intimates dub him, his brother, the Hon. A. Warner, and Lord Hawke especially, have rendered the game signal service in exerting themselves as they have done to popularise it in our far-off possessions. It was a decidedly plucky thing to set out from the West Indies with a mixed team of players, the large majority of whom had no knowledge whatever of our wickets and the variable conditions under which we play the game. When it is remembered that the selected players were to a large extent strangers to each other, and with only a passing knowledge of one another's ability and temperament, the undertaking seems still more noteworthy. I saw some of their earlier games in which, it will be remembered, they were rather badly defeated, and while fully satisfied that there was a good deal of real ability in the team, I felt a little afraid that the constant defeats would prove too trying to their fortitude. It needs more than an ordinary amount of courage and determination to come up smiling after a series of defeats. The members of the team, however, are evidently made of sterner stuff, and to me it is a real pleasure to learn now that the tour is over that the relations between the different members of the team—white and coloured, amateur and professional—have been of the most friendly character throughout. Their share of successes of the field has probably been quite as large as they could have anticipated. But it must always be borne in mind that the trip was primarily an educational one, and no one can blame the managers of the party for emphasising the fact that it was in no sense whatever a money-making experiment.

### THE GRIT OF THE TEAM.

Everyone admires grit, and if only by reason of the amount of grit the players showed under the most trying circumstances they will go back to their island homes bearing the goodwill of all with whom they have come in contact, and with the sincere regard of every British sportsman. The first few weeks of their tour was an exceptionally trying time, and had there been any faint-heartedness or lack of confidence in each other the enterprise would undoubtedly have been ruined. All honour, then, to the responsible managers for keeping the men so splendidly together, and to the men for their loyalty to their leaders. That they should show improved cricket as the tour progressed was only to be expected, unless things went awry internally, and I have no doubt they will go back better cricketers all round than they came, for a tour like theirs must be a tolerably liberal education in the game. I have no list of batting or bowling averages before me—and wonderful as these figures are, they do not prove everything—but I imagine there has been no conspicuous failure. I do not know that they have introduced to us anything startling. Good as their throwing to the wicket from the outfield was, one would scarcely be justified in describing it as phenomenal. Woods, the fast bowler, has demonstrated one thing, however. He has shown us that a long run up to the wicket is not altogether necessary to send down a fast ball. And I would like the detractors of Arthur Mold to take this little fact to heart when discussing "chuckers" in English cricket. From what I have observed of Woods when bowling he appears to have no set method of approaching the wicket so far as the number of steps taken is concerned. He just walks a few yards away and makes his step fit as he nears the crease. For a short time a pretty little story went the round to the effect that Woods had always bowled with nothing whatever on his feet, and that shoes were an abomination to him. But this yarn was soon dispelled, the fact being that he bowled in ordinary canvas shoes, such as lawn-tennis players would wear. Now that he has become accustomed to English methods it is more likely that he will realise the advantage of obtaining a grip of the turf in the arduous work of fast bowling. His action is altogether beyond suspicion, and we may expect something sensational from his strong right arm when he returns to the West Indian wickets. Burton, Olivierre, and Mignon are all good bowlers, and it was indeed a big feather in the cap of the first named of this trio to finish up by taking eight wickets for nine runs. It is pleasing to know that they are quite satisfied with the results of their visit, and carry back with them the pleasant possible recollections of the encounters in which they have been engaged. Being a sporting visit, they have met with a warm welcome on every hand. In a year or two it is quite possible another visit will be made.

### THE CRICKET CHAMPIONSHIP.

Events move so rapidly in the cricket world that it is never safe to indulge in predictions for ahead. At the moment of writing, at any rate, it looks as if we are to see a remarkably keen struggle for championship honours between Lancashire and Yorkshire, both having drawn well away from the rest of the counties. In playing a couple of dozen matches without once meeting with defeat, as the Tykes have done, is a wonderful record of consistent form, and I am not at all surprised when I hear some of my Sheffield friends declare that their side is the only one to play so far through the season without being beaten and without being in a tight place at the end of a match. I agree with this outcry, of course, but there was an occasion at Worcester when the supporters of

Yorkshire were strangely quiescent, for the youthful, robust, fair-haired Wilson (Worcester's fast bowler) was playing ducks and drakes with established reputations. Twice I have seen Lord Hawke's men perform, and it has been my good fortune to see Archie McLaren's rare side twice also, and if I was asked to give an unbiased—the word disinterested was half-written, but must not be used, because I hope I am interested in the splendid struggle—opinion on the respective merits of the two magnificent players I should give it in favour of Yorkshire.

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## POST OFFICE NOTICES.

The Hongkong Muru, with the American Mail of the 29th ultimo, left Yokohama on Tues day, the 18th inst., at daylight, and may be expected here on or about Wednesday, the 26th inst.

## MAILS WILL CLOSE.

FOR

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## DAY AND HOUR.

Swatow	Thales	Thursday, 30th, 10.00 a.m.
Swatow and Amoy	Sishan	20th, 10.00 a.m.
Hai-phong	Hating	20th, 10.00 a.m.
Nagasaki, Kobe and Yokohama	Yueata Muru	20th, 10.00 a.m.

EUROPE &c. India via Tuticorin  
(Late Letters 3.10 to 3.30 p.m. Extra Postage 10 cents)

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LAST DIVIDEND.

HONGKONG, 10th September

## JOINT STOCK SHARES.

Europe &c. India via Tuticorin	Yueata Muru	Registration, with late fee of 10 cents, up to 2.45 p.m.)
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Manila

Taeung

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

Quang Tchow Wan, Haikow, Pakhoi, and

Hao

BANKS.

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NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LTD.

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DO. FOUNDERS' SHARES.

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## TO-DAY.

Sale, Furniture, "Tuscanum," Magazine Gap, 2.45 p.m.

Aquatic Sports, Bath House, Kowloon, 4.30 p.m.

Meeting of the Diligentia Lodge, 5.30 p.m.

## COMMERCIAL.

## CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

WEDNESDAY, 19th September.

ON LONDON.— Telegraphic Transfer 2.015

Bank Bills, on demand 2.03

Bank Bills, at 3 days sight 2.034

Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight 2.1

Credits, at 4 months' sight 2.1

Documentary Bills, 4 months' sight 2.1

ON PARIS.— Bank Bills, on demand 2.53

Credits, at 4 months' sight 2.64

ON GERMANY.— On demand 2.11

Bank Bills, on demand 2.11

ON NEW YORK.— Bank Bills, on demand 504

Credits, 60 days' sight 514

ON BOMBAY.— Telegraphic Transfer 1511

Bank, on demand 1541

ON CALCUTTA.— Telegraphic Transfer 1541

Bank, on demand 1541

ON SHANGHAI.— Bank, at night 712

Private, 30 days' sight 728

ON YOKOHAMA.— On demand 1 p.c. dis.

ON MANILA.— 1 p.c. pm.

ON SINGAPORE.— 1 p.c. pm.

ON BATAVIA.— On demand 1233

ON HAIPHONG.— On demand 3 p.c. pm.

ON BANGKOK.— On demand 2.24 p.c. pm.

ON HANOI.— On demand 69

SOVEREIGN, Bank's Buying Rate 3.05

GOLD-LEADS, 100 lbs per cwt 51

BAR SILVER, per oz 281

OPIUM.

Quotations are Allowable net to 1 catty.

Maiwa New 2830 to — per picul.

Maiwa Old 2850 to \$880

P. P. wrapped, 2870 to —

Persian fine quality 3010 to —

Persian extra fine 3050 to —

Paiwa New 3065 to — per chest.

Paiwa Old 3120 to —

Guaroues New 3053 to —

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## VESSELS EXPECTED.

## THE INDIAN MAIL.

The steamer "Catherina" Apcar, from Calcutta, left Singapore for this port on the 15th inst., p.m.

## THE AMERICAN MAIL.

The T. K. K. steamer "Hongkong Maru," with

mails, &c., from San Francisco to the 29th ult.

via Honolulu, has arrived at Yokohama, and will

leave for this port this morning via Island Sea,

Kobe, Nagasaki and Shanghai.

The O. S. O. steamer "Doric," with mails, &c.,

left San Francisco for this port via Honolulu,

Yokohama, Inland Sea, Kobe, Nagasaki and

Shanghai on the 15th inst.

## THE CANADIAN MAIL.

The C. P. R. steamer "Empress of China" left

Vancouver for Hongkong via usual ports

call on Tuesday morning, the 11th inst.

## MERCHANT STEAMERS.

The O. S. S. steamer "Idomenes" left Singap-

ore on 16th inst., at daylight, and is due in

Hongkong on the 20th inst. p.m.

The N. D. L. steamer "Bamberg," from Ham-

burg, left Singapore for this port on the 16th

inst., and may be expected here on or about the

23rd inst.

The P. & O. steamer "Bomby" left Singapore

for this port on the 15th inst., at 5 p.m.

The N. D. L. steamer "Gecko" left Singapore on

Wednesday morning, the 15th inst., and may be

expected here on Tuesday, the 23rd inst.

The N. P. steamer "Victoria" sailed from